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1. RE LIKELY CANDIDATES SEE [REDACTED] ANALYSIS BEGINNING PARA 3. [REDACTED] ATTEMPTS ASCERTAIN PDC PLANS AND ASSESSMENTS. STATION NOT YET ABLE TO PINPOINT ORIGIN STORY THAT CHONCHOL U.P. FRONT RUNNER.

2. RE LEADTIME BETWEEN NOTIFICATION OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND ELECTION DATE "NOT SOONER THAN 60 OR LATER THAN 90 DAYS."

3. FOLLOWING IS ESTIMATED ELECTORAL STRENGTH OF POLITICAL GROUPINGS WHICH REPRESENT RESPECTIVE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACIES:

A. NATIONAL PARTY 28.950. - 27

B. POPULAR UNITY 53.258 (WHICH INCLUDES VOTING STRENGTH OF PR, I.E. 16.579, OF PSD AND OF USP, I.E. 3.400).

C. PDC 34.731. COMMENT: STATION UNCERTAIN ABOUT BASIS THESE FIGURES).

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4. IN LIGHT ABOVE FIGURES IT WOULD APPEAR DIFFERENCES IN ELECTORAL BASE SO PRONOUNCED THAT SLIGHT ELECTORAL SHIFTS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO MODIFY ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. HOWEVER, MAIN ELECTORAL FORCES COULD UNDERGO IMPORTANT SHIFTS DEPENDING ON FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

5. IT APPEARS MOST LIKELY THAT POPULAR UNITY (UP) FORCES WILL SUPORT JACQUES CHONCHOL. OTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED TO SUPPORT RADICAL PARTY (PR) CANDIDATE. CHONCHOL WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY OBTAIN CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF PDC VOTE. THIS WOULD INCREASE UP VOTE AND CUT INTO TOMIC'S ELECTORAL BASE. CHONCHOL CANDIDACY BENEFITS FROM FACT THAT CANDIDATE IS NON-MARXIST, THAT PRESSURES BROUGHT TO BEAR BY GOVT. AGENCIES INDAP AND CORA IN BEHALF OF PDC CANDIDATE WILL BE NEUTRALIZED BY CHONCHOL, AND THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF ALL REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, BE THEY COMMUNIST OR SOCIALIST. AMONG NEGATIVE ASPECTS CHONCHOL'S CANDIDACY WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES IN ATTRACTING RADICAL VOTES. RADICALISM IS ANTITHESIS TO WHAT CHONCHOL STANDS FOR. CHONCHOL NOMINATION COULD SET IN TRAIN FLOOD OF RADICAL DESERTIONS. LATTER CONSIDERATION

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MAY CAUSE LEFTIST LEADERS TO VACILLATE AND CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF NOMINATING RADICAL PARTY CANDIDATE. GIVEN THAT CASE, RADICAL PARTY VOTE COULD BE ASSURED AND PREVENT DEFECTIONS TO ALESSANDRI, WHO IS TRUE ADVERSARY. IT IS TRUE, OF COURSE, THAT CHONCHOL WOULD WEAKEN TOMIC, BUT TOMIC IS NOT ALLENDE'S REAL ADVERSARY.

6. SITUATION WITHIN NATIONAL PARTY (PN). AS GENERAL OBSERVATION, BY-ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN ELECTORAL DISTRICT WHERE ALESSANDRI IS WEAK. FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT:

A. TO INSCRIBE CANDIDACY OF JORGE ALESSANDRI.

THIS WOULD CERTAINLY FORCE PDC TO NOMINATE TOMIC. ADVOCATES THIS SOLUTION ARGUE THAT WITH ALESSANDRI AS CANDIDATE ELECTION CANNOT BE LOST IN LIGHT HIS ELECTORAL CHARISMA.

HIS TRIUMPH WOULD OPEN ROAD TO VICTORY IN SEPTEMBER. THOSE

WHO OPPOSE ALESSANDRI'S CANDIDACY IN 5TH DISTRICT ARGUE

THAT ELECTION PROSPECTS OF ALESSANDRI, 5TH DISTRICT ARGUE
5-91-23-542, WHICH IN CHILE AS

WHOLE APPEARS QUITE FAVORABLE, CANNOT BE RISKED IN SENATORIAL RACE IN DISTRICT WHERE ELECTORATE RESISTENT TO NEW IDEAS, WHERE PUBLIC OPINION NON-EXISTENT AND WHERE STATISTICS EXTRA-

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ORDINARILY UNFAVORABLE. OPONENTS ARGUE THAT DEFEAT FOR ALESSANDRI, EVEN THOUGH HE EMERGES AS SECOND, WOULD DESTROY HIS IMAGE.

B. NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT. THIS SOLUTION IS FAVORED BY NUMEROUS PERSONS AND THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ARTURO ALESSANDRI, NEPHEW OF JORGE, AND ERNESTO PINTO. THIS SOLUTION HAS DISADVANTAGE THAT CANDIDATE WOULD IN PUBLIC MIND BE CLOSELY LINKED WITH ALESSANDRI WITHOUT PERSONAL ATTRACTION AND VOTE-DRAWING ABILITIES OF ALESSANDRI HIMSELF. IN SUM, THIS SOLUTION WOULD HAVE DRAG-^WBACKS OF ALESSANDRI CANDIDACY WITHOUT ADVANTAGES OF ATTRACTING OPTIMUM VOTE.

C. NOMINATION OF PDR CANDIDATE. THIS THESIS ENJOYS SUPPORT OF IMPORTANT LEADERS SUCH AS ARTURO MATTE, GREGORIO AMUNATEGUI (FATHER), AND ERNESTO PINTO. THIS SOLUTION, THEREFORE, ENJOYS SUPPORT OF MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF ALESSANDRI'S CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT. WITH- RADICAL (PDR) CANDIDATE, VOTE OF PR WOULD BE SPLIT AND THEREBY VOTE FOR ALLENDE REDUCED IN FAVOR OF ALESSANDRI, ESPECIALLY IF THE UP CANDIDATE IS CHONCHOL. SOLUTION WOULD

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CAUSE RADICAL (PR) DESERTIONS TO BECOME MORE ACUTE. MENTIONED IN THIS CONTEXT ARE NAMES OF HERMES AHUMADA (WHO INCIDENTALLY HAS QUIT PR CEN), JORGE OVALLE AND DOMINGO DURAN. RADICAL VOTE IN DISTRICT IS 16,579. BY NOMINATING RADICAL-ALIGNED WITH ALESSANDRI AND WITH CHONCHOL UP CANDIDATE, ESTIMATE MORE THAN 10,000 RADICALS WOULD VOTE FOR CANDIDATE REPRESENTING ALESSANDRI. THIS COULD LEAD TO VERY CLOSE RACE.

D. NOMINATION OF PATRICIO MEKIS. SOLUTION FAVORED BY SERGIO JARPA. JARPA ARGUES THAT ALESSANDRI SUPPORT OF PDR CANDIDATE WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS ONE MORE ACT IN POLITICAL GAME OF PACTS AND SETTLEMENTS. WOULD HAVE DISHEARTENING EFFECT ON ALESSANDRI RANK AND FILE. JARPA VIEWS MEKIS AS HARD WORKING, PROMINENT SPORTSMAN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH DISTRICT HE REPRESENTS IN CONGRESS. MEKIS AROUSES ENTHUSIASM AND IN DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN WOULD WORK HARD.

7. SHOULD MEKIS BE NOMINATED, THIS WOULD OPEN TWO POSSIBILITIES:

A. ELECTION VICTORY. VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. WOULD BE SUCCESS WITHOUT PRECEDENT AND WITHOUT ADVERSE

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POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES SINCE IT UNLIKELY ADVERSARIES OF
ALESSANDRI (I.E. PDC AND UP) ^{would join forces in order to} ~~LEOGXDA 59870-2-13~~ ^{prevent} ~~WIP SXN 08~~ ^{WGZFELE} SEPTEMBER VICTORY.

B. RUN SECOND: THIS IS MOST PROBABLE OUTCOME AND IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT CHONCHOL DRAWS FROM PDC CANDIDATE ABOUT 2,000 VOTES, THUS BRINGING DOWN PDC CANDIDATE VOTES TO APPROXIMATE LEVEL OF 32,700, AND THAT APPROXIMATELY 5,000 RADICALS WOULD VOTE FOR MEKIS. IT FURTHER SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT TENDENCY HAS BEEN FOR PDC TO LOSE VOTING STRENGTH AND THAT MANY PDC FOLLOWERS FAVOR ALESSANDRI. IT MAY BE PRESUMED THAT PDC WILL ATTRACT LESS THAN 30,000 VOTES AND THAT ALESSANDRI'S CANDIDATE COULD RISE AS HIGH AS 36,000. THIS WOULD LEAVE U.P. CANDIDATE WITH APPROXIMATELY 48,000 VOTES IN FIRST PLACE.

8. IF ABOVE (PARA 7B) IS ELECTION RESULT, ALESSANDRI WOULD DERIVE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

- A. HIS MOVEMENT WOULD DEMONSTRATE ASCENDENCY.
- B. HIS MOVEMENT WOULD CLEARLY EMERGE AS ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO MARXIST VICTORY IN SEPTEMBER.

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C. DISAPPEARANCE OF TOMIC AS PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE TO ALESSANDRI AND DEMONSTRATION THAT PRACTICALLY ENTIRE ANTI-COMMUNIST VOTE WHICH IN 1964 CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF FREI NOW SUPPORTS ALESSANDRI.

9. SITUATION IN PDC. THE PDC IS IN STATE OF ISOLATION (WITHOUT ALLIANCES AND HENCE WITHOUT PROBLEMS ALLIANCES ENTAIL). THEIR CANDIDATE NOT YET KNOWN. IRRESPECTIVE WHO HE MIGHT BE HE WILL FINISH THIRD, A. REFLECTING LOSS OF VOTES WHICH IS NORMAL RESULT OF EROSION IN GOVERNMENTAL POWER, B. LOSS OF SOME PROVINCIAL LEADERS AND OF ELEMENTS WHO HAVE DEFECTED TO ALESSANDRI AND, C. LOSS OF VOTING STRENGTH CAUSED BY CANDIDACY OF CHONCHOL.

10. CONCLUSIONS.

A. MOST LIKELY UP² CANDIDATE WILL BE² CHONCHOL WHO LIKELY TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

B. ALESSANDRI MOVEMENT WILL PROBABLY NOMINATE MEKIS AND STRIVE TO COME OUT SECOND.

C. PDC LIKELY TO COME OUT THIRD AND THEREBY CEASE TO BE AN ELECTORAL THREAT TO ALLENDE.

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